

FISHING HAS BEEN POOR FOR U. C.—THEY'RE CASTING AGAIN

The "charity trust," represented in Chicago by the United Charities, is thousands of dollars in debt in this city. Repeated efforts have been made to get Chicagoans to open their hearts and their purses, but the raids on the public have failed this year. No less than three campaigns have been started. Not one finished. The U. C. formerly published the names of the money-givers opposite the amounts they contributed. Recently fishing has been bad and they no longer tell us through the newspaper the names of the "fish" they catch.

When the annual report of the U. C. was made public several months ago The Day Book gave it publicity. This because of the fact that enormous salaries to officials and investigators were taken out of the funds collected.

Eugene T. Lies, head of the U. C., was making \$5,000 a year, according to the report. Investigators were paid from \$1,500 to \$3,00 a year. Added up, something like 65 per cent of the money collected went toward the expenses of and the pay of employes and officials of the organization. The remaining 35 per cent was used to "relieve suffering."

The news of this report reached the public and among this public were those who have shelled out to the U. C. This year when the investigators began their fishing trip into the loop they found the "fish" were not biting.

They decided that their annual report must have scared them away. Recently they made another report. Instead of charging the big salaries to the operating expenses, which are deducted from the collections, they have found some charitably-inclined Chicagoans who have pledged the salaries of the superintendent and investigators. We are left sort of in the dark in regard to how the money collected is divided.

By the way, another campaign for funds opened today.

SMALL TIME METHODS OF THE PHONE TRUST HIT AT

How the "billion-dollar phone trust," through its Chicago wing, dips into the cash box of thousands of families by hiring the cheapest of labor, the "stay-at-home girl," whose family pays part of her expenses, is told in the report of Nellie Curry, investigator for the federal industrial relations commission.

Young girls—fresh and full of vitality—are the ones selected by the phone company for its nerve-racking work. According to the report of Miss Curry, they work hard at the switchboard for a few months. Then the steady grind begins to tell. When a girl, worn out, is unable to do her work properly another fresh product is hired in her place.

The scream which is heard frequently in phone offices—that of the girl whose nerves are worn to the fainting point—found a place in the report which will be passed on by the federal commission.

AMERICAN GIRL MAY BE QUEEN OF INDEPENDENT POLAND

London, July 23.—Prince Poniatowski, whose wife was Miss Helen Sperry of Stockton, Cal., is being mentioned as possible future king of Poland if Poles should gain independence at end of war, according to Paris dispatches. Poniatowski's enemies, however, are already declaring it would never do for an American queen to reign over Poland.

KANSAS HAS ENOUGH LABOR

Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas has all the harvest hands she needs—it isn't help she wants, but clear hot days. This was the opinion expressed today by agricultural experts. Rain after rain has delayed harvest and some grain has rotted in field. For 3 whole days the state has been without rain and harvest hands are working night and day.